

Remarks

Claims 1, 17 and 18 are amended. No new matter has been added. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and drawings.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11 and 15-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Paff (US 6,665,004). Applicants traverse the rejection and submit that the above claims are not anticipated by Paff.

The Applicants invention as recited in amended claims 1, 17, and 18 is characterized by permitting a user to instruct selectively a first symbol on a map and a second symbol on a different area which have same identifying information. The Applicants invention also permits transmitting control information to control at least one operation of panning, tilting, zooming, and iris of the imaging apparatus. The control information is stored by the storage unit to the imaging apparatus in response to an instruction of at least one of the first symbol and the second symbol.

An example of this embodiment is seen in Applicant's Figs. 4-5. The map is illustrated in Fig. 4 with reference numeral (502). The first symbol corresponds to the preset symbols (531-1) and (531-2) in Fig. 4. The different area from the map is illustrated to the video camera control panel 640 in Fig. 5, and the second symbol is illustrated to the preset bottoms (641) and (642) in Fig. 5.

As mentioned on pages 2-3 of the present office action, the Examiner is interpreting claim 1 in consideration of the disclosure in column 7, lines 20-25 of Paff. The Examiner considers that the second symbol in the present invention corresponds to the icon shown in Fig. 5 of Paff. However, the icon shown in Fig. 5 of Paff is the icon that is displayed on the map. This icon is not the icon that is displayed on the area different from the map as the Applicant claims.

The location of the second symbol in the present invention is different from the location of the Examiner interpreted second symbol in Paff.

The Examiner also considers that the first and second symbols in the present invention correspond to the building and floor icons shown in Fig. 7 of Paff. However, Paff can display plural maps by using a multi-window. Paff can not display plural map palettes. For example, the map palette shown in Fig. 3 and the map palette shown in Fig. 4.

Paff is silent about permitting a user to instruct selectively a first symbol on a map and a second symbol on a different area which has same identifying information as claimed by the Applicant. Moreover in Paff, even if the building icon and/or floor icon are/is instructed, which it is not, only the map is selected. Any camera control information is not outputted.

Paff is also silent about transmitting control information to control at least one operation of panning, tilting, zooming, and iris of the imaging apparatus in response to an instruction of at least one of the first symbol and the second symbol as claimed in the present invention. The Applicant contends that the present invention is different from Paff for at least the above reasons and would not anticipate or render obvious the present invention.

Concerning the present action, Applicant respectfully submits that for claims to be anticipated by a reference in terms of 35 U.S.C. §102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference and arranged as in the claims under review, either expressly or inherently described. Since every element of the claimed invention as amended is not identically shown and arranged as Paff, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as currently pending are patentable and in condition for allowance.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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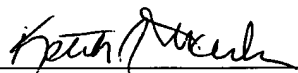
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4636. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

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